

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION:

This application claims benefit of a provisional Application Serial No. 60/266,807, filed February 6, 2001.

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Another example of structured hydroxy diluents ~~[are]~~ is star shaped polyols. The star shaped polyols can be obtained by reaction of ~~[an]~~ a polyfunctional acid (eg. dimethylolpropionic acid) or polyfunctional hydroxy compound (~~[pentaerythritol]~~ pentaerythritol, trimethylol propane, etc) with a monofunctional epoxide (ethylene oxide, butylene oxide, or any aliphatic epoxide) or a lactone (eg. butyrolactone, ϵ -caprolactone) or anhydride (eg. ~~[methylhexahydro-phthalic]~~ methylhexahydrophthalic anhydride , MHHPA) or a combination thereof. The controlled architecture results from the specific sequence of addition of the various reactants. The foregoing polyols have a star shaped structure having at least 2 arms, preferably 3 to 30 arms and more preferably 3 to 20 arms, substituted with hydroxyl groups.

An example of the above type of structured reactive acetoacetate diluent is exemplified below starting from pentaerythritol and using ~~[methylhexahydro-phthalic]~~ methylhexahydrophthalic anhydride (MHHPA) and an epoxide to build the star shaped polyol subsequently capped with acetoacetate moieties.